



CANCER BURDEN

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 1,268,000 new cancer cases will be diagnosed in the United States, including 22,600 in Alabama.
- 553,400 cancer deaths will occur in the United States, including 9,900 in Alabama.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rate for cancer deaths per 100,000 persons²

Alabama: 178.1 **National:** 168.3

Alabama ranks 13th highest overall in cancer mortality rates among the 50 states and Washington, D.C.

LUNG CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 3,100 new cases of lung cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Alabama.
- 2,900 men and women will die of lung cancer in Alabama.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for lung cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Alabama	National
Overall	54.0	48.7
White	55.1	48.5
Black	50.7	58.4
Hispanic	-	19.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	23.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	30.6

BREAST CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,900 new cases of breast cancer will be diagnosed among women in Alabama.
- 600 women will die of breast cancer in Alabama.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for breast cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Alabama	National
Overall	22.1	24.2
White	20.6	23.8
Black	28.2	30.9
Hispanic	-	14.7
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	11.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	12.5

COLORECTAL CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 2,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed among men and women in Alabama.
- 800 men and women will die of colorectal cancer in Alabama.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for colorectal cancer deaths per 100,000 persons, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Alabama	National
Overall	15.2	16.9
White	14.1	16.4
Black	19.9	22.6
Hispanic	-	10.1
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	10.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	10.8

PROSTATE CANCER

In 2001, the American Cancer Society estimates¹

- 4,100 new cases of prostate cancer will be diagnosed among men in Alabama.
- 600 men will die of prostate cancer in Alabama.

The average annual age-adjusted mortality rates for prostate cancer deaths per 100,000 men, by race, 1994–1998^{3,4}

	Alabama	National
Overall	28.2	23.7
White	21.2	21.7
Black	58.3	52.1
Hispanic	-	15.5
Asian/Pacific Islander	-	9.5
American Indian/Alaska Native	-	13.4

¹ Source: American Cancer Society Facts and Figures, 2001. Estimates exclude more than a million cases of basal and squamous cell skin cancers and in situ cancers, except urinary bladder, that will be diagnosed in 2001. Lung cancer rates include bronchus cancer. State death totals were rounded to nearest 100.

² Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1993–1997.

³ Source: CDC National Center for Health Statistics, vital statistics data, underlying cause of death, 1994–1998.

⁴ Some data were excluded because there were 75,000 or fewer persons in the denominator or 20 or fewer deaths in the numerator.